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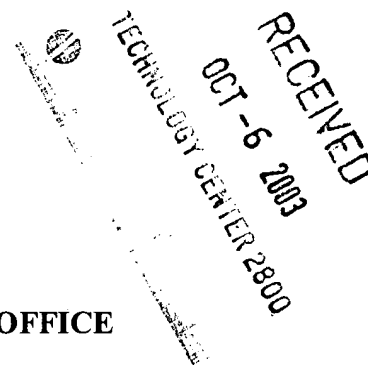
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Tsutomu Kono, et al.

Application No.: 09/884,784

Filed: June 19, 2001

For: HYBRID HOUSING OF METAL
BOARD AND SYNTHETIC RESIN

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No.: 2346

Examiner: Hung V. Ngo

Technology Center/Art Unit: 2831

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.